

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1120 - HB 1753

March 28, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Departments of Education (DOE) and Health (DOH) to develop policies on the nature and risk of concussions and post them on their websites. In developing these guidelines, the departments shall utilize existing materials developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Requires students and the parents or guardians of students participating in athletic activities to sign and return a receipt of acknowledgement of the local education agencies' concussion policies. Requires students who exhibit signs of injuries of this type to be removed by the coach and not return to play until they have been cleared in writing by a licensed health care professional. Requires coaches to annually complete a concussion management training course. Coaches who do not complete this course shall not be authorized to coach. Requires local education agencies to promulgate rules regarding punishments for violations for failure to complete the training course or authorizing a student to return to play without a written clearance to return to play.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,500/One-Time

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- DOE and DOH will use existing materials from the CDC to develop concussion policies.
- The DOE will convene a panel of experts for four two-day meetings to develop a concussion training course. These experts will be compensated for time and travel and travel from each Grand Division. Costs will include \$4,400 lodging (\$110 x 10 x 4) and per diem \$3,960 (\$49.50 per day x 8 days x 10 experts); and mileage \$2,129.
- Total cost for meetings will be \$10,489 (\$4,400 + \$3,960 + \$2,129).
- LEAs will distribute policies along with other information before the start of each season. Any increase in local expenditures for printing materials and storing acknowledgements will be not significant.
- The state and LEAs will not be responsible for any cost associated with concussion evaluations.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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